



CITY OF MORGAN HILL

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**Draft
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING
SEPTMEBER 16, 2003**

MORGAN HILL CIVIC CENTER

Council Chambers
17555 Peak Ave.
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
408.779-7271

Chair	Mark Frederick
Vice-Chair	Daniel Kenney
Commission Member	Laura Hagiperos
Commission Member	Don Jensen
Commission Member	Marilyn Librers
Commission Member	Rick Page
Commission Member	Craig C. van Keulen
School Board Liaison	Amina Khemici
City Council Liaison	Hedy Chang

LIAISON

BTAC
Parks
Seniors
Arts/Downtown
YAC/Endowment
Recreation Center
Youth Sports/Rec Center

Note: Starting Time Change

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Commissioner van Keulen arrived at 7:15p.m.
Vice-Chair Kenney arrived 8:00 p.m.
City Council Liaison Chang was absent

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Hagiperos

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tony Oldfredi spoke on behalf of a group of High School students

interested in taking on the improvements of the BMX park as a civics project.
Deputy Director Struve will follow-up with them.

REPORTS

- A. PARKS REPORT** Deputy Director of Public Works Struve
Update on Community Park Master Plan Progress- Formal Presentation in October
Staff is following up on Prop 40 funding possibilities for a basketball court at Community Park. Prop 40 is already committed for \$220,000 in additional funding for this project.
- Two bids were received for the Paradise Park Project. Lowest bid was \$170,000, project budget is \$165,000. Funding source through Proposition 12.
- B. RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT** Recreation Staff
Community & Cultural Center monthly report –hand out
Aquatic Center Update –Aquatic Supervisor applications
Evening of the Arts- October 21
Commissioner Jensen will assist with this event.
Commissioners inquired about cultural uses of the center and staff will bring the schedule for the Cultural Arts Dance sponsored by the YAC.
- C. CALIFORNIA PARK and RECREATION COMMISSIONERS and BOARD REPORT**
No report.
- D. YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING UPDATE** Commissioner Librers
No report.
- E. YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT** Member England
Member England provided an update on the YAC's activities; Cultural Dance on November 2 and YAC retreat on August 23. Member England is also the YAC representative on the IRC design sub-committee. Commissioner van Keulen noted that Member England asks good questions and has great comments. Also, YAC member Jonathan O'Mahen is the representative to the Library Commission.

BUSINESS

- 1. BICYCLE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**
Recommended Action: Appoint former founding member Ariadne Delon Scott.
Approved 7:0.
- 2. COMMUNITY PARK MASTER PLAN INPUT ON PUBLIC NOTICES**
Recommended Action: Discuss with staff schedule and procedure for public notice/meetings regarding Community Park Master Plan.
Schedule as presented was approved. Landscape Architect Steinberg will be presenting the preliminary plans.

Commissioners reminded staff of other groups to be notified as they may be impacted by the project such as: IDI/Fourth of July Committee, Tennis Groups, and Mushroom Festival.
- 3. DOG PARK SITE RECOMMENDATIONS**
Recommended Action: Receive staff recommendation for two alternative sites for development in

cooperation with Santa Clara County Parks.

Chair Frederick responded on behalf of the County: still master planning the Malaquerra site but the Harvey Bear Ranch does include a dog off-leash area. There is no funding for this project at this time.

The City of Milpitas has just completed a two acre dog park at the cost of \$220,000 at Ed Levin Park, to be dedicated on September 27.

Dog Park Supporters asked about an interim solution? They would like Community Park considered. Deputy Director Struve responded that he will investigate possibility.

Chair Frederick asked staff to return with site possibilities keeping consistent with the master plan. Another suggestion was to review the possibility of a municipal code change for Nordstrom park to allow off-leash hours from 7:45-8:30p.m. Staff will follow-up and return at the next meeting with an update.

Motion made by Commissioner van Keulen, seconded by Vice-Chair Kenney to accept the staff recommendations; approved 7:0.

4. COMMUNITY INDOOR RECREATION CENTER UPDATE

Recommended Action: Receive oral update on project and provide staff comments.

Deputy Director Struve presented packets of the draft schematic design and landscape design for Commission comments. Strongest comment was to provide senior access to the building. Commissioner van Keulen noted that the two cross-courts should accommodate a 3 point line and to review St. Catherine's court length. Also wanted the gym situated so that it would be expandable for future development.

Deputy Director Struve commented that the aquatics space is still a challenge and that Nova Partners is conducting an independent cost study for construction cost validation. There will be a follow-up workshop for the Commissioners on Thursday, October 2 to comment on design changes.

5. YMCA CONTRACT FOR PROGRAM (STAFF) AT THE INDOOR RECREATION CENTER

Recommended Action: Review staff report presented to Council on September 3, 2003 and provide comments for Council consideration.

Commissioner Librers had questions regarding the contractual proposal with the YMCA, including how their overhead costs were to be compensated. Commissioners Page and Frederick asked if 10 year projections had been made on this proposal and staff replied no, the feasibility study only went out 1 year for the current proposal. Commissioner van Keulen expressed concern that the revenue generated from the center should go into the City's general fund, which staff noted it would.

Individual Commissioners suggested writing a letter to Council re: dissatisfaction with the proposal and strongly request that a Commissioner be placed on the sub-committee for the operator issue of the IRC. Commissioners wanted considered: prevailing wages ; impact of 2 aquatic staffs; economies of scale lost, coordination dynamics between the IRC and Community Center may be difficult to achieve; and to get program numbers from Monterey Sports Complex. They asked for clarification on what is the City benefit?

Commissioner Librers made the motion to:

Write a memo with following points for Council consideration:

1. Voted City to be sole operator
2. Non-Y involvement
3. Commission member placed on the sub-committee
4. Feel that it is a bad business plan

Seconded by Vice-Chair Kenney, approved 6: 1 (Page).

6. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION WORKPLAN & WORKSHOP EXPECTATIONS

Recommended Action: Chair to review workplan with Commissioners and receive input.

Commission requested a joint workshop with Council. They also asked for quarterly reports from the advisory committees.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Page, seconded by Vice-Chair Kenney, approved 7:0.

7. SPORTS COMPLEX STATUS

Recommended Action: Oral discussion on status of Sports Complex.

Move to November meeting.

Chair Frederick asked for a report on school field conditions.

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2003

Recommended Action: approve minutes as presented.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Hagiperos, seconded by Commissioner van Keulen, approved 7:0.

FUTURE COMMISSION ITEMS

BMX/Skate Park Design and Fund-raising

Cultural Plan at the Community and Cultural Center

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Annual Workshop with Council

ADJOURNMENT

Regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on October 21, 2003.